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1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 June 2000, the General Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-third special session and elected Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania) Chairperson by acclamation.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee held ____ meetings, on 5 and _____ June 2000, to hear representatives of the United Nations system as well as observers for non-governmental organizations and to consider the question of the review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action (agenda item 8) and the question of further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (agenda item 9).

3. At its 1st meeting, on 5 June, the Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, Aicha Afifi (Morocco), Asith Bhattacharjee (India), Patricia Flor (Germany), Misako Kaji (Japan), Sonia R. Leonce-Carryl (St. Lucia), Mónica Martínez (Ecuador), Kirsten Mlačak (Canada), Rasa Ostrauskaitė (Lithuania) and Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia) Vice-Chairpersons. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that Ms. Martínez would also serve as Rapporteur.

4. In connection with its consideration of agenda items 8 and 9, the Ad Hoc Committee had before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", on its third session and resumed third session (A/S-23/2 and Add.1 and 2).

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5. At the 1st meeting, the Chairperson made a statement.

6. A statement was also made by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Mauritius made a statement on behalf of the Southern African Development Community.

8. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the Regional Manager of the World Food Programme, the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Deputy Representative of the New York Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

9. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Director of the Human Resources Department of the International Monetary Fund, the Assistant Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Special Representative of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization and the Assistant Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

10. A statement was also made by the observer for the All India Women's Conference, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, who spoke on behalf of a number of non-governmental organizations.

11. At the _____ meeting, on _____ June 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee had an extensive exchange of views on the draft final document.

Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

12. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[To be completed]

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered Part IV of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, on actions and initiatives to overcome obstacles and to achieve the full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 100 (e) was revised to read as follows:

"Address the barriers faced by women, particularly by indigenous and other marginalized women, in accessing and participating in politics and decision-making, including lack of training, women's double burden of paid and unpaid work, negative societal attitudes and stereotypes;"

(b) Paragraph 102 (n) was revised to read as follows:

"Take necessary measures for the private sector and educational establishments to facilitate and strengthen compliance with non-discriminatory legislation;"

(c) Paragraph 103 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"As a matter of priority, review and revise legislation, where appropriate, with a view to introducing effective legislation, including on violence against

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women, and take other necessary measures to ensure that all women and girls are protected against all forms of physical, psychological and sexual violence, and are provided recourse to justice;"

(d) Paragraph 103 (d) was revised to read as follows:

"Develop, adopt and fully implement laws and other measures as appropriate, such as policies and educational programmes, to eradicate harmful customary or traditional practices, including female genital mutilation, early and forced marriage and so-called honour crimes, which are violations of the human rights of women and girls and obstacles to the full enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to intensify efforts, in cooperation with local women's groups, to raise collective and individual awareness on how these harmful traditional or customary practices violate women's human rights;"

(e) Paragraph 103 (g) was revised to read as follows:

"Take concrete steps, as a priority and with their full and voluntary participation, to address the impact of violence on indigenous women in order to implement appropriate, effective programmes and services to eliminate all forms of violence;"

(f) Paragraph 104 (b) was revised to read as follows:

"Devise, enforce and strengthen effective measures to combat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in women and girls through a comprehensive anti-trafficking strategy consisting of, *inter alia*, legislative measures, prevention campaigns, information exchange, assistance and protection for and reintegration of the victims and prosecution of all the offenders involved, including intermediaries;"

(g) Paragraph 104 (c) was revised to read as follows:

"Consider preventing, within the leading framework and in accordance with national policies, victims of trafficking, in particular women and girls, from being prosecuted for their illegal entry or residence, taking into account that they are victims of exploitation;"

(h) Paragraph 104 (d) was revised to read as follows:

"Consider setting up or strengthening a national coordinating mechanism, for example, a national rapporteur or an inter-agency body, with the participation of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, to encourage the exchange of information and to report on data, root causes, factors and trends in violence against women, in particular trafficking;"

(i) Paragraph 109 (c) *bis* was revised to read as follows:

"Strive to reduce the disproportionate presence of women living in poverty, in particular, rural women, by implementing national poverty eradication programmes with a focus on a gender perspective and the empowerment of women, including short- and long-term goals;"

(j) Paragraph 110 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Create and ensure equal access to social protection systems, taking into account the specific needs of all women living in poverty, demographic changes and changes in society, to provide safeguards against the uncertainties and changes in conditions of work associated with globalization, and strive to ensure that new, flexible and emerging forms of work are adequately covered by social protection;"

(k) Paragraph 112 (b) was revised to read as follows:

"Take action at the highest levels for the continued advancement of women, in particular, by strengthening national machineries to mainstream the gender perspective to accelerate the empowerment of women in all areas and to ensure commitment to gender equality policies;"

(l) Paragraph 112 (c) was revised to read as follows:

"Provide national machineries with the necessary human and financial resources, including through exploring innovative funding schemes, so that gender mainstreaming is integrated into all policies, programmes and projects;"

(m) Paragraph 112 (f) was revised to read as follows:

"Ensure that the design of all government information policies and strategies is gender-sensitive;"

(n) Paragraph 131 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Intensify cooperation between States of origin, transit and destination to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children;"

(o) Paragraph 131 (b) was revised to read as follows:

"Support the ongoing negotiations on a draft protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children, to supplement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;"

(p) Paragraph 131 (c) was revised to read as follows:

"As appropriate, pursue and support national, regional and international strategies to reduce the risk to women and girls, including those who are refugees and displaced persons, as well as women migrant workers, of becoming victims of trafficking; strengthen national legislation by further defining the crime of trafficking in all its elements and by reinforcing the punishment accordingly; enact social and economic policies and programmes, as well as informational and awareness-raising initiatives, to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially women and children; prosecute perpetrators of trafficking; provide measures to support, assist and protect trafficked persons in their countries of origin and destination; and facilitate their return to and support their reintegration into their countries of origin;"

(q) Paragraph 135 (h) was deleted;

(r) Paragraph 136 (h) was deleted;

(s) Paragraph 137 (b) was deleted;

(t) Paragraph 138 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Promote programmes for healthy active ageing that stress the independence, equality, participation and security of older women and undertake gender-specific research and programmes to address their needs;"

(u) Paragraph 138 (b) was deleted.

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 114 (a), 116 (a), 117 (a) *bis*, 117 (b), subparagraphs (c), (h), (i) and (k) of paragraph 118, paragraph 120 (e) and subparagraphs (a), (d), (e) and (g) of paragraph 121 of part IV of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, on actions and initiatives to overcome obstacles and to achieve the full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____meeting, on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) In paragraph 114 (a), the words "that build" were replaced by the words "which build", the brackets were removed and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

(b) Paragraph 116 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Develop and use frameworks, guidelines and other practical tools and indicators to accelerate gender mainstreaming, including gender-based research, analytical tools and methodologies, training, case studies, statistics and information;"

(c) In paragraph 117 (a) *bis*, the words "or measurable goals" were inserted after the word "quotas" and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

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(d) Paragraph 117 (b) was deleted;

(e) Paragraph 118 (c) was revised to read:

"Take action to increase women's participation and to bring about a balanced representation of women and men in all sectors and occupations in the labour market, among others by encouraging the creation or expansion of institutional networks to support the career development and promotion of women;"

(f) Paragraph 118 (h) was deleted;

(g) Paragraph 118 (i) was revised to read as follows:

"Encourage and support the education of girls in science, mathematics, new technologies including information technologies, and technical subjects and encourage women, including through career advising, to seek employment in high-growth and high-wage sectors and jobs;"

(h) Paragraph 118 (k) was revised to read as follows:

"Analyse and respond, as necessary, to the major reasons why men and women may be affected differently by the process of job creation and retrenchment associated with economic transition and structural transformation of the economy, including globalization;"

(i) In paragraph 120 (e), the word "establish" was deleted before the words "build up", the brackets and underlining were removed and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

(j) Paragraph 121 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Continue to implement and evaluate and follow up the mandated work of the United Nations agencies, drawing on the full range of expertise available within the United Nations system, as well as agreed conclusions of the Economic and Social Council and other programmes and initiatives to mainstream a gender perspective into all policies, programmes and planning of the United Nations system, including through the integrated and coordinated follow-up to all major United Nations conferences and summits, as well as to ensure the allocation of sufficient resources and maintenance of gender units and focal points to achieve this end;"

(k) Paragraph 121 (d) was deleted;

(l) Paragraph 121 (e) was revised to read as follows:

"Support the Commission on the Status of Women, within its mandate, in assessing and advancing the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its follow-up;"

(m) Paragraph 121 (g) was revised to read as follows:

"Assist States Parties, upon their request, in building capacity to implement the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and in this regard encourages States Parties to pay attention to the concluding comments as well as the general recommendations of the Committee".

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 122 and paragraph 123 (a) of part IV of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session on actions and initiatives to overcome obstacles and to achieve the full and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting, on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 122 (a) was amended to read as follows:

"Assist Governments, upon request, in developing gender-sensitive strategies for the delivery of assistance and, where appropriate, responses to humanitarian crises resulting from armed conflict and natural disasters;"

(b) Paragraph 122 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Ensure and support the full participation of women at all levels of decision-making and implementation in development activities and peace processes, including conflict prevention and resolution, post-conflict reconstruction, peacemaking, peacekeeping and peace-building, and, in this regard, support the involvement of women's organizations, community-based organizations and non-governmental organizations;"

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(c) Paragraph 122 (c) was deleted;

(d) In paragraph 123 (a), the words "within the United Nations system" were deleted after the words "Support activities", all brackets were removed and the boldface type was changed to light face.

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 31, 33 and 36 (a) of part III of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session, on current challenges affecting the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part III)), at its _____ meeting, on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 31 was amended to read:

"Science and technology, as fundamental components of development, are transforming patterns of production, contributing to the creation of jobs and new job classifications, and ways of working, and contributing to the establishment of a knowledge-based society. Technological change can bring new opportunities for all women in all fields, if they have equal access and adequate training. Women should also be actively involved in the definition, design, development, implementation and gender impact evaluation of policies related to these changes. Many women worldwide are yet to effectively use these new communications technologies for networking, advocacy, exchange of information, business, education, media consultation and e-commerce initiatives. For instance, millions of the world's poorest women and men still

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do not have access to and benefits from science and technology and are currently excluded from this new field and the opportunities it presents."

(b) Paragraph 3 was amended to read:

"While recognizing that Governments have the primary responsibility to develop and implement policies to promote gender equality, partnerships between Governments and different actors of civil society are increasingly recognized as an important mechanism to achieve this goal. Additional innovative approaches can be further developed to foster this collaboration."

(c) In paragraph 36 (a), a comma was inserted after the words "fertility rates" and the boldface type was changed to lightface.

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 109 (b), 113 (a), 125 (g), 126 (a), 127 (b), (c), (e), (h) and (i), 128 (c), (d), (d) bis, (h) and (j), 129 (f) and 130 (b) and (e) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting, on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 109 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Increase, as appropriate, and effectively utilize financial and other resources in the social sector, particularly in education and health, to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment as a central strategy for addressing development and poverty eradication;"

(b) In paragraph 113 (a), the brackets and bolding were removed from the text;

(c) Paragraph 125 (g) was amended to read as follows:

"Regularly compile and publish crime statistics and map trends in law enforcement concerning violations of the rights of women and girls to increase awareness in order to develop more effective policies;"

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(d) Paragraph 126 (a) was amended to read as follows:

"Develop and support the capacity of universities, national research and training institutes and other relevant research institutes to undertake gender related and policy oriented research in order to inform policy makers and to promote full implementation of the Programme of Action and its follow-up;"

(e) Paragraph 127 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Respect, promote and realize the principles contained in the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and its follow-up and strongly consider ratification and full implementation of ILO conventions which are particularly relevant to ensure women's rights at work;"

(f) Paragraph 127 (c) was deleted;

(g) Paragraph 127 (e) was deleted;

(h) Paragraph 127 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"Adopt measures to ensure that the work of rural women, who continue to play a vital role in providing food security and nutrition, and are engaged in agricultural production and enterprises related to farming, fishing and resource management, and home-based work, especially in the informal sector, is recognized and valued in order to enhance their economic security, their access to and control over resources and credit schemes, services and benefits and their empowerment;"

(i) Paragraph 127 (i) was deleted;

(j) Paragraph 128 (c) was amended to read as follows:

"Strengthen and promote programmes to support the participation of young women in youth organizations and encourage dialogue among youth between and among developed and developing countries;"

(k) Paragraph 128 (d) was amended to read as follows:

"Support national efforts to promote formal and non-formal education and mentoring programmes for women and girls, in order to enable them to acquire knowledge, develop self-esteem and skills in leadership, advocacy and conflict resolution;"

(l) In paragraph 128 (d) bis, the word "skill" was changed to "skills" and the bolding was removed from the text;

(m) Paragraph 128 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"With the full voluntary participation of indigenous women, develop and implement educational and training programmes that respect their history, culture, spirituality, languages and aspirations and ensure their access to all levels of formal and non-formal education, including higher education;"

(n) Paragraph 128 (j) was amended to read as follows:

"Continue to examine the decline in enrolment rates and the increase in the drop-out rates of girls and boys at the primary and secondary education levels in some countries, and, with international cooperation, design appropriate national programmes to eliminate the root causes and support lifelong learning for women and girls, with a view to ensuring achievement of relevant international targets on education set by the relevant international conferences;"

(o) Paragraph 129 (f) was deleted;

(p) Paragraph 130 (b) was deleted;

(q) Paragraph 130 (e) was moved to follow paragraph 103 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Prosecute the perpetrators of all forms of violence against women and girls and sentence them appropriately and introduce actions aimed at helping and motivating perpetrators to break the cycle of violence and take measures to provide avenues for redress to victims;"

3. The Ad Hoc Committee also made the following corrections to paragraphs 126 (e) and 128 (b):

(a) In paragraph 126 (e), delete the word "~~solid~~";

(b) In paragraph 128 (b), delete the square bracket in front of the words "and implement".

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 130 (f), 132 (a) and (d), 133 (c), (d), (e), (i), (j), (l), (m) and (m) ter of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 130 (f) was replaced by the following two paragraphs:

"Provide gender-sensitive training to all actors, as appropriate, in peacekeeping missions in dealing with victims of violence, particularly women and girls, including sexual violence;

"Provide gender sensitive training to all actors, including police, prosecutors and the judiciary in dealing with victims of violence, particularly women and girls, including sexual violence;"

(b) The bracketed text in paragraph 132 (a) was deleted;

(c) Paragraph 132 (d) was amended to read as follows:

"Encourage cooperation between governmental authorities, parliamentarians and other relevant authorities and women's organizations

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including NGOs, as appropriate, in ensuring that legislation is non-discriminatory;"

(d) Paragraph 133 (c) was deleted;

(e) Paragraph 133 (d) was amended to read as follows:

"Address the root causes of armed conflict in a comprehensive and durable manner, as well as the differences in the impact of armed conflict on women and men, and take them into account in relevant policies and programmes in order to, *inter alia*, enhance the protection of civilians, particularly women and children;"

(f) Paragraph 133 (e) was deleted;

(g) In paragraph 133 (i), the word "equally" was deleted after the word "benefit" and all bolding and brackets were removed from the text;

(h) Paragraph 133 (j) was amended to read as follows:

"Seek to ensure the full and equal participation of women in the promotion of peace, in particular, through the full implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a culture of peace;"

(i) Paragraph 133 (l) was deleted;

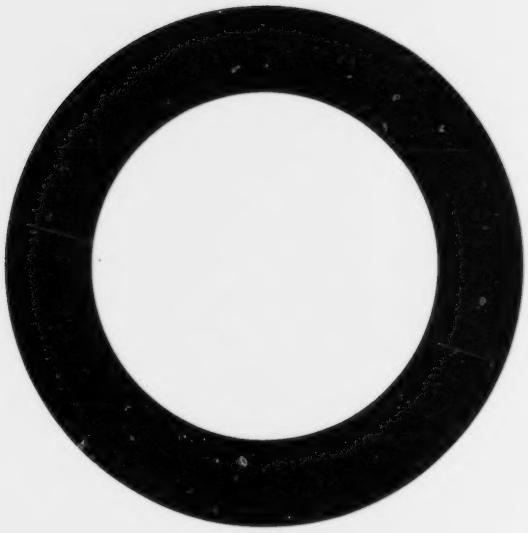
(j) Paragraph 133 (m) bis was amended to read as follows:

"Strengthen efforts towards general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, based on the priorities established by the United Nations in the field of disarmament, so that released resources could be used for, *inter alia*, social and economic programmes which benefit women and girls;"

(k) Paragraph 133 (m) ter was amended to read as follows:

"Explore new ways of generating new public and private financial resources, *inter alia*, through the appropriate reduction of excessive military expenditures and the arms trade and investment for arms production and acquisition, including global military expenditures, taking into consideration national security requirements, so as to permit the possible allocation of additional funds for social and economic development, *inter alia*, for the advancement of women".

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole also amended paragraph 135 (a) by deleting the phrase "Accelerate the implementation of the 20/20 initiative".



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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraph 32 of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part III)), at its _____ meeting on ____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendment and recommended the paragraph, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

The paragraph was amended to read as follows:

"The patterns of migratory flows of labour are changing. Women and girls are increasingly involved in internal, regional and international labour migration to pursue many occupations, mainly in farm labour, domestic work and some forms of entertainment work. While this situation increases their earning opportunities and self-reliance, it also exposes them, particularly the poor, uneducated, unskilled and/or undocumented migrants to inadequate working conditions, increased health risk, the risk of trafficking, economic and sexual exploitation, racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia, and other forms of abuse, which impair their enjoyment of their human rights and, in some cases, constitute violations of human rights;"

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 53 bis, 102 (j), 107 (a), (c), (e), (f) and (g), 115 (b), (e), (f) and (g), 132 (f) and (g), 135 (d) and (f), 136 (e), (f) and (g), 137 (a) and (c) and 138 (d), (e) and (f) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)), at its _____ meeting on ____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) In paragraph 53 bis, all brackets and bolding were removed from the text;

(b) Paragraph 102 (j) was deleted;

(c) Paragraph 107 (a) was amended to read as follows:

"Adopt policies and implement measures to address, on a prioritized basis, the gender aspects of emerging and continued health challenges, such as malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other diseases having a disproportionate impact on women's health, including those resulting in the highest mortality and morbidity rates;"

(d) Paragraph 107 (c) was deleted;

(e) Paragraph 107 (e) was deleted;

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(f) Paragraph 107 (f) was deleted;

(g) Paragraph 107 (g) was replaced by the following text:

"Adopt, enact, review and revise, where necessary or appropriate, and implement health legislation, policies and programmes in consultation with women's organizations and other actors of civil society, and allocate the necessary budgetary resources to ensure the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, so that all women have full and equal access to comprehensive, high quality and affordable health care, information, education and services throughout their life cycle; reflect the new demands for service and care by women and girls as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and new knowledge about women's needs for specific mental and occupation health programmes and for the ageing process; and protect and promote human rights by ensuring that all health services and workers conform to ethical, professional and gender-sensitive standards in the delivery of women's health services, including by establishing or strengthening, as appropriate, regulatory and enforcement mechanisms;"

(h) A new paragraph was inserted following paragraph 107 (g) ter, to read as follows:

"Design, and implement programmes to encourage and enable men to adopt safe and responsible sexual and reproductive behaviour, and to effectively use methods to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS;"

(i) A new paragraph was inserted following paragraph 107 (j), to read as follows:

"Promote or improve information programmes and measures including treatment for the elimination of the increasing substance abuse among women and adolescent girls, including information campaigns about the risks to health and other consequences and its impact on families;"

(j) Paragraph 115 (b) was deleted;

(k) Paragraph 115 (e) was deleted;

(l) Paragraph 115 (f) was deleted;

(m) Paragraph 115 (g) was amended to read:

"Design and implement programmes to provide social services and support to pregnant adolescents and adolescent mothers, in particular to enable them to continue and complete their education;"

(n) Paragraph 132 (f) was replaced by the following text:

"Take necessary measures to protect individuals, groups and organs of society engaged in promoting and protecting women's human rights;"

(o) Paragraph 132 (g) was replaced by the following text:

"Encourage States parties to continue to include a gender perspective in their reports to the treaty bodies; also encourage these bodies to continue to take into account a gender perspective in the implementation of their mandates, taking into account the need to avoid unnecessary duplication and

overlapping of their work; further encourage human rights mechanisms to continue to take into account a gender perspective in their work;"

(p) Paragraph 135 (d) was replaced by the following text:

"Intensify efforts to implement poverty eradication programmes and evaluate, with the participation of women, the extent to which these programmes have an impact on the empowerment of women living in poverty, in terms of access to quality training and education as well as physical and mental health care, employment, basic social services, inheritance and access to and control over land, housing, income, micro-credit and other financial instruments and services, and introduce improvements to such programmes in the light of the above assessment;"

(q) Paragraph 135 (f) was amended to read as follows:

"Support the Cologne initiative for the reduction of debt, particularly the speedy implementation of the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative, ensure the provision of adequate funds for its implementation and implement the provision that funds saved should be used to support anti-poverty programmes that address gender dimensions;"

(r) Paragraph 136 (e) was replaced by the following text:

"Support the work of NGOs and community-based organizations in helping disadvantaged women, in particular rural women, in having access to financial institutions in establishing businesses and other sustainable means of livelihood;"

(s) Paragraph 136 (f) was amended to read:

"Recognize the crucial role of and support women and women's NGOs and community-based organizations in the implementation of Agenda 21, by integrating a gender perspective in the formulation, design and implementation of sustainable environmental and resource management mechanisms, programmes and infrastructure;"

(t) Paragraph 136 (g) was amended to read as follows:

"Promote gender-sensitivity and social responsibility of the private sector, *inter alia*, through management of work time and dissemination of gender-sensitive information and advocacy campaigns;"

(u) Paragraph 137 (a) was deleted;

(v) Paragraph 137 (c) was deleted;

(w) Paragraph 138 (d) was replaced by the following text:

"Provide access to adequate and affordable treatment, monitoring and care for all people, especially women and girls, infected with sexually transmitted diseases or living with life threatening diseases, including HIV/AIDS and associated opportunistic infections, such as tuberculosis. Provide other services, including adequate housing and social protection, including during pregnancy and breastfeeding; assist boys and girls orphaned as a result of the HIV/AIDS pandemic; and provide gender sensitive support systems for

women and other family members who are involved in caring for persons affected by serious health conditions, including HIV/AIDS;"

(x) Paragraph 138 (e) was deleted;

(y) Paragraph 138 (f) was deleted.

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 127 (k) *bis*, 136 (b), 102 (l) and (m), 103 (c), 110 (a) *bis*, 120 (b), 121 (b), 122 (a) *bis* and 133 (b), 133 (b) *bis*, of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 127 (k) *bis* was deleted;

(b) Paragraph 136 (b) was deleted;

(c) In paragraph 102 (l), the brackets and bolding were removed from the text;

(d) Paragraph 102 (m) was amended to read as follows:

"Take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination and violence against women and girls by any person, organization or enterprise;"

(e) Paragraph 103 (c) was amended to read as follows:

"Establish legislation and/or strengthen appropriate mechanisms to handle criminal matters relating to all forms of domestic violence, including

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marital rape and sexual abuse of women and girls, and ensure that such cases are brought to justice swiftly;"

(f) A new subparagraph was inserted following paragraph 103 (i), which read as follows:

"Approve and promote a holistic approach to combat violence against women during all their life cycle and circumstances;"

(g) A new subparagraph was inserted following paragraph 106 (a), which read as follows:

"Adapt environmental and agricultural policies and mechanisms, when necessary, to incorporate a gender perspective, and in cooperation with civil society, support farmers, particularly women farmers and those living in rural areas, with education and training programmes;"

(h) Paragraph 110 (a) *bis* was amended to read as follows:

"Undertake socio-economic policies that promote sustainable development and support and ensure poverty eradication programmes, especially for women, by, *inter alia*, providing skills training, equal access to and control over resources, finance, credit, including micro-credit, information and technology, and equal access to markets to benefit women of all ages, in particular those living in poverty and marginalized women, including rural women, indigenous women and female-headed households;

(i) Paragraph 120 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Support non-governmental organizations, especially women's organizations, to build their capacity to advocate for, implement, assess and follow up the Platform for Action;"

(j) Paragraph 121 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Ensure that all United Nations personnel and officials at Headquarters and in the field, especially in field operations, receive training in order to mainstream a gender perspective in their work, including gender impact analysis, and ensure appropriate follow-up to such training;"

(k) Paragraph 122 (a) *bis* was replaced by the following text:

"Invite the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, other relevant United Nations agencies, within their respective mandates, and other relevant humanitarian organizations as well as Governments to continue to provide adequate support to countries hosting large numbers of refugees and those with displaced persons, in their efforts to provide protection and assistance, paying particular attention to the needs of refugees and other displaced women and children;"

(l) Paragraph 133 (b) was replaced by the following text:

"Take measures through, *inter alia*, supporting and strengthening existing mechanisms entrusted with prosecuting perpetrators of violations of the human rights of women, to eliminate impunity;

(m) A new subparagraph was inserted following paragraph 133 (b), which read as follows:

"Take measures to eliminate violations of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Many of these violations have a negative impact on the promotion and protection of the human rights of women".

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Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraph 1 of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part I)) at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraph, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

In paragraph 1, the words "as a footnote" were deleted and the bolding and brackets were removed from the text.

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered the chapeau of section II and paragraphs 29, 30, 30 *bis*, 42 and 46 of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part II)) at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) The chapeau was amended to read as follows:

"Assessment of achievements and obstacles must be made in relation to the commitments made in the Beijing Platform for Action and its 12 critical areas, namely by looking into the actions taken and the results attained, as indicated in national reports as well as taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General and of the results, conclusions and agreements of the five regional meetings held in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly and other relevant sources. Such assessment shows that, even though significant positive developments can be identified, barriers remain and there is still the need to further implement the goals and commitments made in Beijing. The summary of achievements and of persistent or new obstacles can therefore constitute a global framework for the identification of further actions

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and initiatives to overcome obstacles and to achieve the full and accelerated implementation of the Platform for Action at all levels and in all areas";

(b) Paragraph 29 was amended to read as follows:

"Globalization has presented new challenges for the fulfillment of the commitments made and the realization of the goals of the Beijing Conference. The globalization process has, in some countries, resulted in policy shifts in favour of more open trade and financial flows, privatization of State-owned enterprises and, in many cases, lower public spending, particularly on social services. This change has transformed patterns of production and accelerated technological advances in information and communication and affected the lives of women, both as workers and consumers. In a large number of countries, particularly in developing and least developed countries, these changes have also adversely impacted on the lives of women and have increased inequality. The gender impact of these changes has not been systematically evaluated. Globalization also has cultural, political and social impacts affecting cultural values, lifestyles and forms of communication as well as implications for the achievement of sustainable development. The benefits of the growing global economy have been unevenly distributed, leading to wider economic disparities, the feminization of poverty, increased gender inequality, including through often deteriorating work conditions and unsafe working environments, especially in the informal economy and rural areas. While globalization has brought greater economic opportunities and autonomy to some women, many others have been marginalized, owing to deepening inequalities among and within countries, by depriving them of the benefits of this process. Although in many countries the level of participation of women in the labour force has risen, in other cases, the application of certain economic policies has had such a negative impact that increases in women's employment often have not been matched by improvements in wages, promotions and working conditions. In many cases, women continue to be employed in low-paid part-time and contract jobs marked by insecurity and by safety and health hazards. In many countries, women, especially new entrants into the labour market, continue to be among the first to lose jobs and the last to be rehired";

(c) Paragraph 30 was amended to read as follows:

"Increasing disparities in the economic situation among and within countries, coupled with a growing economic interdependence and dependence of States on external factors as well as the financial crises have, in recent years, altered prospects for growth and caused economic instability in many countries, with a heavy impact on the lives of women. These have affected the ability of States to provide social protection and social security as well as funding for the implementation of the Platform for Action. Such difficulties are also reflected in the shift of the cost of social protection, social security and other welfare provisions from the public sector to the household. The decreasing levels of funding available through international cooperation has contributed to further marginalization of a large number of developing countries and countries with economies in transition within which women are among the poorest. The agreed target of 0.7 per cent of the gross national product of developed countries for overall official development assistance has

not been achieved. These factors have contributed to the increasing feminization of poverty, which has undermined efforts to achieve gender equality. Limited funding at the State level makes it imperative that innovative approaches to the allocation of existing resources be employed, not only by Governments but also by NGOs and the private sector. One such innovation is the gender analysis of public budgets which is emerging as an important tool for determining the differential impact of expenditures on women and men to help ensure equitable use of existing resources. This analysis is crucial to promote gender equality";

(d) Paragraph 30 *bis* was amended to read as follows:

"The impact of globalization and structural adjustment programmes, the high costs of external debt servicing and declining terms of international trade, in several developing countries, have worsened the existing obstacles to development, aggravating the feminization of poverty. Negative consequences of structural adjustment programmes, stemming from inappropriate design and application, have continued to place a disproportionate burden on women, *inter alia*, through budget cuts in basic social services, including education and health";

(e) In paragraph 30 *ter*, the last sentence was replaced by the following:

"For many developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, excessive debt servicing has severely constrained their capacity to promote social development and provide basic services and has affected full implementation of the Platform for Action";

All bolding and brackets were removed from the text;

(f) Paragraph 42 was amended to read as follows:

"In view of the evaluation of progress made in the five years since the Beijing Conference in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, contained in chapter II, as well as the current challenges affecting its full realization, outlined in chapter III, Governments now recommit themselves to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and also commit to further actions and initiatives to overcome the obstacles and address the challenges. Governments, in taking continued and additional steps to achieve the goals of the Platform, recognize that all human rights — civil, cultural, economic, political and social, including the right to development — are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated, and are essential for realizing gender equality, development and peace in the twenty-first century";

(g) Paragraph 46 was amended to read as follows:

"By adopting the Platform for Action, Governments and the international community agreed to a common development agenda with gender equality and women's empowerment as underlying principles. The efforts towards ensuring women's participation in development have expanded and need to combine a focus on women's conditions and basic needs with a holistic approach based on equal rights and partnerships, promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. Policies and programmes should be formulated to achieve the goal of people-centred sustainable development, secure livelihoods and adequate social protection measures, including safety nets, strengthened

support systems for families, equal access to and control over financial and economic resources, and to eliminate increasing and disproportionate poverty among women. All economic policies and institutions as well as those responsible for resource allocation should adopt a gender perspective to ensure that development dividends are shared on equal grounds."

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraph 17 of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part II)), at its ____ meeting on ____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraph, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 17 was amended to read as follows:

"*Obstacles*: Despite general acceptance of the need for a gender balance in decision-making bodies at all levels, a gap between *de jure* and de facto equality has persisted. Notwithstanding substantial improvement of *de jure* equality between women and men, the actual participation of women at the highest levels of national and international decision-making has not significantly changed since Beijing 1995 and gross underrepresentation of women in decision-making bodies in all areas, including, *inter alia*, politics, conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms, the economy, the environment and the media, hinders the inclusion of a gender perspective in these critical spheres of influence. Women continue to be underrepresented at the legislative, ministerial and sub-ministerial levels, as well as at the highest levels of the corporate sector and other economic and social institutions. Traditionally assigned gender roles limit women's choices in education and careers and compel women to assume the burden for household responsibilities. Initiatives

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and programmes aimed at women's increased participation in decision-making were hindered by a lack of human and financial resources for training and advocacy for political careers; gender-sensitive attitudes towards women in society, awareness of women to engage in decision-making in some cases; accountability of elected officials and political parties for promoting gender equality and women's participation in public life; social awareness of the importance of balanced participation of women and men in decision-making; willingness on the part of men to share power; sufficient dialogue and cooperation with women's NGOs, along with organizational and political structures, which enable all women to participate in all spheres of political decision-making".

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 54, 55, 125 (a), (c), (d), (f), (g), (h) and (j), 135 (e), (f) and (g) and 126 (b) and (c) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its _____ meeting on _____ June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 54 was amended to read as follows:

"Effective and coordinated plans and programmes for the full implementation of the Platform for Action require a clear knowledge of the situation of women and girls, a clear research-based knowledge and date disaggregated by sex, short- and long-term time-bound targets and measurable goals and follow-up mechanisms to assess progress. Efforts are needed to ensure capacity-building for all actors involved in the achievement of these goals. Efforts are also needed at the national level to increase transparency and accountability;"

(b) Paragraph 55 was amended to read as follows:

"The realization and the achievement of the goals of gender equality, development and peace need to be supported by the allocation of necessary human, financial and material resources for specific and targeted activities to

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ensure gender equality at the local, national, regional and international level as well as by enhanced and increased international cooperation. Explicit attention to these goals in the budgetary processes at the national, regional and international levels is essential;"

(c) Paragraph 55 *bis* was moved to follow existing paragraph 46 and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

(d) Paragraph 125 (g) was placed before existing paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Take effective measures to address the challenges of globalization, including through the enhanced and effective participation of developing countries in the international economic policy decision-making process, in order to, *inter alia*, guarantee the equal participation of women, in particular those from developing countries, in the process of macroeconomic decision-making;"

(e) Paragraph 125 (d) was placed before existing paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Take measures with the full and effective participation of women to ensure new approaches to international development cooperation, based on stability, growth and equity with the enhanced and effective participation and the integration of developing countries in the globalizing world economy, geared towards poverty eradication and the reduction of gender-based inequality within the overall framework of achieving people-centred sustainable development;"

(f) Paragraph 125 (a) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Design and strengthen poverty eradication strategies with the full and effective participation of women that reduce the feminization of poverty and enhance the capacity of women and empower them to meet the negative economic and social impacts of globalization;"

(g) Paragraph 135 (d), as previously amended, was placed before paragraph 135 (a);

(h) The second part of paragraph 135 (e) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Recognizing the mutually reinforcing links between gender equality and poverty eradication, elaborate and implement, where appropriate, in consultation with civil society, comprehensive gender-sensitive poverty eradication strategies addressing social, structural and macroeconomic issues;"

(i) Paragraph 135 (g) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Encourage the establishment, in partnership with private financial institutions, where appropriate, of "lending windows" and other accessible financial services with simplified procedures that are specifically designed to meet the savings, credit and insurance needs of all women;"

(j) Paragraph 125 (j) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Undertake comprehensive actions to provide and support quality skills training for women and girls at all levels, on the basis of strategies developed with their full and effective participation, to achieve agreed targets to eradicate poverty, in particular the feminization of poverty, through national, regional and international efforts. National efforts need to be complemented by intensified regional and international cooperation in order to tackle the risks, overcome the challenges and ensure that opportunities created by globalization benefit women, particularly in developing countries;"

(k) The first part of paragraph 135 (e), was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Establish, with the full and effective participation of women and in consultation with civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, in a timely manner, social development funds, where appropriate, to alleviate the negative effects on women associated with structural adjustment programmes and trade liberalization and the disproportionate burden borne by women living in poverty;"

(l) Paragraph 125 (c) was placed before paragraph 135 (a) and amended to read as follows:

"Identify and implement development-oriented and durable solutions which integrate a gender perspective into external debt and debt-servicing problems of developing countries, including least-developed countries, *inter alia*, through debt relief, including the option of official development assistance debt cancellation, in order to help them to finance programmes and projects targeted at development, including the advancement of women;"

(m) Paragraph 135 (f), as previously amended, was placed before paragraph 135 (a);

(n) Paragraph 125 (f) was deleted;

(o) Paragraph 125 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"Develop with the full participation of all countries an international consensus on indicators and ways to measure violence against women and consider establishing a readily accessible database on statistics, legislation, training models, good practices, lessons learned and other resources with regard to all forms of violence against women, including women migrant workers;"

(p) Paragraph 126 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Support Governments in their efforts to institute action-oriented programmes and measures to accelerate the full implementation of the Platform for Action, with time-bound targets and/or measurable goals and evaluation methods, including gender impact assessments, with full participation of women for measuring and analysing progress;"

(q) Paragraph 126 (c) was deleted.

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 7, 18 and 24 of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part II)) at its ___ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 7 was amended to read as follows:

"In some countries, efforts to eradicate illiteracy and strengthen literacy among women and girls and to increase their access to all levels and types of education were constrained by the lack of resources and insufficient political will and commitment to improve educational infrastructure and undertake educational reforms; persisting gender discrimination and bias, including in teacher training; gender-based occupational stereotyping in schools, institutions of further education and communities; lack of childcare facilities; persistent use of gender stereotypes in educational materials; and insufficient attention paid to the link between women's enrolment in higher educational institutions and labour market dynamics. The remote location of some communities and, in some cases, inadequate salaries and benefits make attracting and retaining teaching professionals difficult and can result in lower quality education. Additionally, in a number of countries, economic, social and infrastructural barriers, as well as traditional discriminatory practices, have

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contributed to lower enrolment and retention rates for girls. Little progress has been made in eradicating illiteracy in some developing countries, aggravating women's inequality at the economic, social and political levels. In some of these countries, the inappropriate design and application of structural adjustment policies has had a particularly severe impact on the education sector, since they resulted in declining investment in education infrastructure;"

(b) In paragraph 18, the words "in many instances" were inserted before the words "of the Convention", the brackets were removed from the text and the boldface type was changed to lightface;

(c) Paragraph 24 was amended to read as follows:

"Some national environment policies and programmes have incorporated gender perspectives. In recognition of the link between gender equality, poverty eradication, sustainable development and environment protection, Governments have included income-generating activities for women, as well as training in natural resource management and environmental protection in their development strategies. Projects have been launched to preserve and utilize women's traditional ecological knowledge, including the traditional ecological knowledge of indigenous women, in the management of natural resources and the preservation of biodiversity".

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 125 (f) *bis*, 127 (g), 128 (i), 130 (a) and (d) and 133 (a) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its ____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 125 (f) *bis* was deleted;

(b) Paragraph 127 (g) was amended to read as follows:

"Reaffirm commitment to gender-sensitive development and support women's role in sustainable and ecologically sound consumption and production patterns and approaches to natural resource management;"

(c) Paragraph 128 (i) was revised and agreed upon as follows:

"Continue to support and strengthen national, regional and international adult literacy programmes with international cooperation in order to achieve a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, and equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults;"

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(d) Paragraph 130 (a) was replaced by the following text:

"Increase cooperation, policy responses, effective implementation of national legislation and other protective and preventive measures aimed at the elimination of violence against women and girls, especially all forms of commercial sexual exploitation, as well as economic exploitation, including, *inter alia*, trafficking in women and children, female infanticide, crimes committed in the name of honour, crimes committed in the name of passion, racially motivated crimes, abduction and sale of children, dowry-related violence and deaths, acid attacks and harmful traditional or customary practices such as female genital mutilation, early and forced marriages;"

(e) Paragraph 130 (d) was amended to read as follows:

"Provide support to non-governmental organizations, in collaboration with the United Nations system, *inter alia*, through regional and international cooperation, including women's organizations and community groups, in addressing all forms of violence against women and girls, including for programmes to combat race and ethnic-based violence against women and girls;"

(f) Paragraph 133 (a) was revised to read as follows:

"Promote comprehensive human rights education programmes, *inter alia*, in cooperation, where appropriate, with education and human rights institutions, the relevant actors of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and the media networks, to ensure widespread dissemination of information on human rights instruments, in particular those on the human rights of women and girls."

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered the chapeau to section D, paragraphs 102 (b), 122 (b) *ter*, 125 (h), 134 (h), 135 (b) *bis*, 136 (a), 136 (c), 136 (d) and 138 (e) *bis* of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its ____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 102 (b) was amended to read:

"Create and maintain a non-discriminatory and gender-sensitive legal environment by reviewing legislation with the view to striving to remove discriminatory provisions as soon as possible, preferably by 2005, and eliminating legislative gaps that leave women and girls without protection of their rights and without effective recourse against gender-based discrimination;"

(b) Paragraph 102 (e) was deleted;

(c) In the chapeau to section D, all brackets and bolding were removed;

(d) Paragraph 122 (b) *ter* was amended to read as follows:

"Take further effective measures to remove the obstacles to the realization of the right of peoples to self-determination, in particular peoples

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living under colonial and foreign occupation, that continue to adversely affect their economic and social development;"

(e) Paragraph 125 (h) was amended to read as follows:

"Create an enabling environment and design and implement policies that promote and protect the enjoyment of all human rights — civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights, including the right to development — and fundamental freedoms, as part of the efforts to achieve gender equality, development and peace;"

(f) Paragraph 134 (h) was amended to include a footnote explaining "Herstories" and read as follows:

"Capitalize on the new information technologies, including the Internet, to improve the global sharing of information, research, strengths, lessons learned from women's experiences, including "Herstories"[1] related to achieving gender equality, development and peace, and study other roles that these technologies can play towards that goal;"

(g) Paragraph 135 (b) *bis* was amended to read as follows:

"Facilitate the transfer to developing countries and countries with economies in transition of appropriate technology, particularly new and modern technology, and encourage efforts by the international community to eliminate restrictions on such transfers, as an effective means of complementing national efforts for further acceleration in achieving the goals of gender equality, development and peace;"

(h) Paragraph 136 (a) was amended to read as follows:

"Create and strengthen an enabling environment, in accordance with national laws, to support the capacity of women's NGOs to mobilize resources to ensure the sustainability of their development activities;"

(i) Paragraph 136 (c) was replaced by the following text:

"Encourage the establishment and strengthening of multi-stakeholder partnerships/cooperation at all levels among international and intergovernmental organizations, with relevant actors of civil society, including NGOs, the private sector and trade unions, and women's organizations and other NGOs, communications and media systems in support of the goals of the Fourth World Conference on Women;"

(j) Paragraph 136 (d) was replaced by the following text:

"Encourage partnerships and cooperation among Governments, international organizations, in particular international financial institutions, and multilateral organizations, private sector institutions and civil society, including NGOs, especially women's and community-based organizations to support poverty eradication initiatives focused on women and girls;"

[1] (Note explaining "Herstories" to be inserted.)

(k) Paragraph 138 (e) *bis* was amended to read as follows:

"Take effective and expeditious measures to mobilize international and national public opinion concerning the effects of different dimensions of the world drug problems on women and girls and ensure that appropriate resources are provided to this end".

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Corrigendum

Footnote 1 *should read*

[1] "Herstories" is a widely used term denoting the recounting of events, both historical and contemporary, from a woman's point of view.

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 10, 19 and 26 of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part II)) at its ____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 10 was amended to read as follows:

"It is widely accepted that violence against women and girls, whether occurring in public or private life, is a human rights issue. It is accepted that violence against women, where perpetrated or condoned by the State or its agents, constitutes a human rights violation. It is also accepted that States have an obligation to exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate and punish acts of violence, whether those acts are perpetrated by the State or private persons, and provide victims with protection. There is increased awareness of and commitment to preventing and combating violence against women and girls, including domestic violence, which violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms through, *inter alia*, improved legislation, policies and programmes."

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(b) Paragraph 19 was amended to read as follows:

"In a number of countries, inadequate financial and human resources and a lack of political will and commitment are the main obstacles confronting national machineries. This is further exacerbated by insufficient understanding of gender equality and gender mainstreaming among government structures, as well as prevailing gender stereotypes, discriminatory attitudes, competing government priorities and, in some countries, unclear mandates, a marginalized location within the national government structures, lack of data disaggregated by sex and age in many areas and insufficiently applied methods for assessing progress, in addition to paucity of authority and insufficient links to civil society. The activities of the national machineries were also hindered by structural and communication problems within and among government agencies."

(c) Paragraph 26 was amended to read as follows:

"Some progress was made in primary and, to a lesser extent, secondary and tertiary education for girls, owing to the creation of a more gender-sensitive school environment, improved educational infrastructure, increased enrolment and retention, support mechanisms for pregnant adolescents and adolescent mothers, increased non-formal education opportunities and enhanced attendance at science and technology classes. Increased attention was given to the health of the girl child, including the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents. An increasing number of countries introduced legislation to ban female genital mutilation and imposed heavier penalties on those involved in sexual abuse, trafficking and all other forms of exploitation of the girl child, including for commercial ends. A recent achievement has been the adoption of the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict and on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session."

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraph New 2 *bis* of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part I)) at its ____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee recommended the deletion of paragraph New 2 *bis* to the special session.

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1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraph 34 of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part III)), at its ____ meeting, on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee recommended to the special session the deletion of the paragraph.

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 45 and 50 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its ____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee recommended to the special session the deletion of the five paragraphs numbered 45 and paragraph 50.

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Addendum

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 114 (b), 128 (e) and 132 (c) of the proposed outcome document of the twenty-third special session (A/S-23/2/Add.2 (Part IV)) at its _____ meeting on 9 June 2000.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

(a) Paragraph 114 (b) was amended to read as follows:

"Encourage collaboration, where appropriate, among various levels of Governments, NGOs, grass-roots organizations, traditional and community leaders for the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of women and girls and the dignity and worth of the human person and equal rights for women and men;"

(b) In paragraph 128 (e) the word "traditional" was deleted before the word "stereotypes";

(c) Paragraph 132 (c) was amended to read as follows:

"Promote respect for the right of women and men to the freedom of thought, conscience and religion. Recognize the central role that religion, spirituality and belief play in the lives of millions of women and men."